(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure the provision of employment to more and more people under all the employment schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The number of registration and placement made by the Employment Exchanges and the persons on the Live Register at the end of the year in Maharashtra was as follows:

(in lakhs)

Year	Registration made during year	Placement effected	Live Register
1996	6.4	0.2	38.2
1997	6.4	0.2	39.2
1998	6.7	0.2	41.0
1999	8.1	0.2	41.8
2000 (Jan-May)	2.8	0.1	42.4

District-wise information is not maintained.

(c) The primary objective of the Ninth Plan is to generate greater productive employment in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are more labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rate of unemployment and under employment.

A Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has also been set up to look into the employment generation taking place and suggest measures to generate at least one hundred million jobs in a period of 10 years (Ten million jobs in each year).

Health of women working in fish industry

† 3360. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the women working in fishing industry on shore have to suffer from skin and other diseases often;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any special effective

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steps keeping in view the health of women workers working in fish industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for various welfare and health measures for such workers. The Marine Producers Export Development Authority assists the seafood processors to upgrade their facilities to achieve equivalence with the European and US standards, by which the workers get better facilities in the processing plants. Extension Trainings are being given to pre-processing and processing workers for hygienic handling of fishery products.

Government has constituted a Task Force to study the living and working conditions of women workers employed in fish processing industry. The Task Force has initiated action to identify steps to be taken by Government for welfare of women workers.

Reward to informers of black money

† 3361. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared a new scheme to prevent corruption under which there is a provision to give reward to a person whose information regarding black money is found correct;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Central Vigilance Commission has circulated a scheme namely 'Benami Black Money Scheme' on 12th July, 2000 inviting the members of the public to report to it the matters regardig possession of black money or disproportionate assets by public servants which after scrutiny, if considered sufficient, will be forwarded by the Commission to the Central Bureau of Investigation/ Income Tax

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